



## GCC state reportedly mediating for Iraq-Iran peace summit

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — One of the 6-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states is mediating for an Iraq-Iran peace summit, the Saudi Arabian newspaper *Asharq Al Awsat* reported Tuesday.

The paper, in a report from Kuwait attributed to unidentified Gulf diplomatic sources, said the mediation bid has already made "important strides."

The country involved, most likely Kuwait or Oman, was not identified.

It said Iraq has given a conditional approval of the proposal, insisting that the summit lead to the signing of a memorandum on comprehensive peace in which solutions for all pending issues would be outlined.

Among these conditions, Iraq wants an immediate exchange of prisoners of war within days of the summit and "decisive settle-

ment" of the issue of Iraq's sovereignty over Shatt Al Arab, the paper added.

"The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

There was no official confirmation for the report in any of the GCC capitals, but diplomatic sources noted that both Iraqi and Iranian leaders have increased their statements lately about their interest in turning a year-old ceasefire between their two countries into a formal peace.

The GCC countries were in the direct firing line of the eight-year war that the two northern powers waged till Aug. 20, 1988.

Two of the GCC countries have lately stepped up their peace efforts individually. Oman, which will host the upcoming annual summit of the GCC leaders on Dec. 18, and Kuwait which is the current chairman of the 46-mem-

ber Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in which both Iraq and Iran are members.

The major stumbling block to the peace pact has been Iraq's insistence on sovereignty over the entire Shatt Al Arab estuary.

There was no indication as to how a compromise could be reached on this score.

The GCC countries generally back Iraq's policies because they are all bound within the 22-member Arab League.

The Persian state's relations with some GCC countries, like Oman, remained good through the war. With others, the relations began improving as soon as the ceasefire was enforced, like Kuwait. But they have remained strained with Saudi Arabia. The kingdom ruptured its diplomatic ties with Tehran in April 1988, accusing the Persian state of terrorism and subversion.

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## Soviets link ties with Israel to peace efforts

way of circumventing the no-pass.

"We still lack a definitive Egyptian response," Kelly said. "I'll be going to Egypt this afternoon and talking to them about that."

Israel accepted Baker's plan last month, but specified participants in the Cairo meeting could not be linked to the PLO.

Before flying to Cairo, Kelly will meet Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Mozes Arens, who also met Kelly Tuesday and spoke by telephone with Baker Monday, said the Soviets appeared interested in playing more of a role in peace contacts.

"Gorbachev expressed an interest in the peace process and he expressed his readiness to contribute what he can to advance the process," Arens told reporters after his 45-minute talk with Kelly.

But Israel has long condemned a Soviet role in peace efforts on Moscow renewing ties with Israel, and Arens said prospects of such a development seemed distant.

"The Soviets have been hinting for the last year that there is such a readiness (to renew relations) but apparently on their initiative like others, the Eastern European countries are the leaders and the Soviets follow," Arens said.

All East Bloc countries except Romania joined the Soviet Union in severing diplomatic ties with Israel 22 years ago. But most, including the Soviet Union, have restored partial links in the last two years. Hungary renewed full-fledged relations this year.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

### 15,000 Ethiopians arrive in Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) — About 15,000 Ethiopians fearing starvation have crossed into Sudan and are heading for the town of Kassala, a senior Sudanese official was quoted Tuesday as saying. Abdul Rahim Sir Al Khatim told *Inqash Al Watani* newspaper the influx was triggered by the failure of crops in western Ethiopia. Refugees were under being made to get food to Ethiopia to prevent more people crossing into Sudan, which already has two million refugees, mainly from Ethiopia. Relief officials say about four million people are affected by the failure of crops in the Ethiopian provinces of Tigray and Eritrea.

### Libya 'to break ties' with Abu Nidal

TRIPOLI (R) — Libya is seeking to break its links with the Palestinian Revolutionary Council of Palestinian radical Abu Nidal, described by Washington as the most dangerous organisation in existence, diplomats in Tripoli has said. They said recent Libyan statements made clear that Abu Nidal's group was no longer welcome in Tripoli and some move against him was only a matter of time. "The Libyans want to get rid of him as soon as possible and as smoothly as possible," one diplomat from Eastern Europe said. "For one reason or another he's finished, either because of the split in the movement or because no state will continue to protect him," said Western diplomat.

### Sudanese leader in Oman

MUSCAT (AP) — Lt.-Gen. Omar Al Basti, leader of Oman's military junta, arrived Tuesday on a two-day visit in a continuing effort to foster Khartoum's relations with the Arab World. He was given an official reception by Sultan Qaboos and was scheduled to start official talks with him later in the day. Basti wrested power in the Sudan on June 30, pledging to concentrate on reviving the debt-ridden economy and ending a 6-year rebellion in the south.

### Thatcher to visit Turkey

ANKARA (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will visit Turkey in April for the 75th anniversary of the World War I battles at Gallipoli, diplomatic sources said Tuesday. Turkish Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut formally announced the long-planned visit at a press conference in Brussels, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency said.

### Ceausescu to visit Iran

VIENNA (R) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu will pay an official visit to Iran later this month, the official Agence News Agency said Tuesday. The agency, monitored in Vienna, gave no other details.

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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15:30 ..... Koran  
15:45 ..... Children's programme  
15:48 ..... Educational programme  
15:50 ..... News in Arabic  
15:55 ..... Cairo news message  
15:58 ..... Local programme  
20:00 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... Arabic series  
21:30 ..... Arabic programmes  
22:00 ..... News in Arabic  
22:45 ..... Play "Petra"

### PROGRAMME TWO

18:00 ..... Perfecto/7  
18:20 ..... L'Appart  
19:00 ..... News in French  
19:15 ..... News in Arabic  
20:30 ..... News in Hebrew  
20:30 ..... News in Arabic  
21:00 ..... Empty Nest  
21:00 ..... Game, Set and Match  
22:00 ..... News in English  
22:30 ..... The Fortune Pigeon

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Min./max. temp.  
Ammun ..... 0/11  
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Jordan Valley ..... 2/19

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Civil Defence Emergency ..... 199  
Fire Brigades ..... 622111, 622111  
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## U.N. Assembly adopts 3 resolutions criticising Israel

UNITED NATIONS (R) — As delegates huddled on a controversial resolution upgrading the U.N. status of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the General Assembly Monday adopted three other resolutions criticising Israel.

They included one that recognises the PLO's right to establish an independent state.

This resolution, passed by 109 to 18 with 31 abstentions, also called on all states to put an end to military and economic aid to Israel and asked for the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East.

In voting against the resolution, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering said Washington supported a "properly structured international conference" which could facilitate direct negotiations between the parties.

However, he said the United States did not support a conference that would have power to impose a settlement on parties.

A second resolution, adopted by a vote of 84 to 22 with 49 abstentions, declared Israel's

continued occupation of the Syrian Golan Heights and other occupied territories to be in violation of international law.

The third, passed by a big majority of 149 to 2 with eight abstentions, said Israel's decision to impose jurisdiction over occupied Jerusalem was illegal.

The United States, which maintains that Jerusalem must remain undivided but that its final status should be decided through negotiations, abstained on that resolution while voting against the other two.

On the other controversial resolution asking the General Assembly to upgrade the status of the PLO from an observer organisation to an observer state, the PLO decided to postpone the vote until at least Wednesday.

Delegates have been in constant consultations since the draft resolution was prepared and the United States threatened to withhold funds if the assembly voted in favour.

The assembly has recognised the PLO's right to represent a Palestinian state but has not to date changed its observer status.

## Cyprus talks for early 1990 remains uncertain</

## NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

**KING CONGRATULATES FINLAND:** His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent a cable of good wishes to Finland's President Mauno Koivisto on his country's Independence Day anniversary. The King wished the president continued health and happiness and further progress and prosperity for the Finnish people. (Petra)

**SOOUR LEAVES FOR MOSCOW:** Ministry of Social Development's Secretary General Mohammad Soour left for Moscow Tuesday to take part in meetings by United Nations experts on experiments in socio-economic changes around the world. The meeting aims to find the best means of providing service to the developing world. (Petra)

**TRAINING COURSE:** A training course started in Aqaba Tuesday for a group of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from the Ma'an and Tafith Governorate. The three-day course will orient the participants on skills to enrich the Scout movement in the country. (Petra)

**VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES:** Charitable societies in the Deir Alla and South Shuneh districts in the Jordan Valley Tuesday carried out a number of voluntary activities in observation of the International Volunteer Day. The societies organised cleanliness campaigns and visited hospitals and kindergartens carrying gifts to the children and patients. (Petra)

**TREE PLANTING IN IRBID:** Irbid Municipality Tuesday announced the start of a campaign to plant trees in the southern regions of the city and along roads. It said that 3,000 olive and forest trees will be planted during the campaign. (Petra)

**EXHIBITION:** An exhibition displaying publications on the Palestinian issue will open Wednesday at the Yarmouk University at 4:00 p.m. by University President Mohammad Hamdan. The exhibition, which will be held on the occasion of the intifada entering its third year, includes publications and paintings demonstrating the Palestinian cause and showing the stages of the Arab-Israeli conflict and Israel's oppressive measures against Arab citizens in the occupied territories. The exhibition runs through Wednesday, Dec. 13. (J.T.)

**ART EXHIBITION:** Under the patronage of Palestine National Council Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Saei, an art exhibition by Khaled Al Mazzi will be opened Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Soviet Cultural Centre. The exhibition will continue until Dec. 16. (J.T.)

**JD 15,000 LOAN:** The Cities and Villages Development Bank Monday announced its approval of JD 15,000 loan to the village of Hamid in Mafrar. The loan will finance road construction projects in the village. (Petra).

## Jordan attends Arab talks on social development

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TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan is taking part in meetings of the Arab Ministers of Social Affairs Council which opened in Tunis Saturday with the participation of all Arab League countries.

The three-day meeting is dedicated to discussing ways to promote social development in Arab countries and developing and promoting the operations and programmes of organisations such as the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

Various social development programmes by Arab countries and training of personnel to carry out social development work in the coming three years, are also to be discussed at the meeting, according to an Arab League official here.

Questions pertaining to the status of Arab women, protection of children's rights and family planning will be reviewed along with assistance to the victims of natural disasters and forced migration.

According to the official all forms of aid to the people of the occupied Arab territories will be reviewed with the purpose of increasing support for the steadfast people in the face of Israel's atrocities and repressive actions.

Several speakers who dwelt on the subject of Palestine paid tribute to the Palestinian people's intifada and the Palestine Liberation Organisation's policy of seeking a permanent solution to the problem in implementation of Arab League summit resolutions.

The speakers at the opening session also dwelt on the situation in the Gulf and Lebanon, urging the Arab League to exert further efforts to establish lasting peace in the two areas.

**Jordan to attend meeting of Arab pharmacists council**

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will take part in the 13th meeting of the Arab Pharmacists Federation's Higher Council meeting which will start in Baghdad Saturday.

Jordan Pharmacists Association (JPA) President Tayseer Al Himsi, who will lead the Jordanian delegation, said in a statement Monday the council will discuss a request by the Egyptian Pharmacists Union to join the implementation of previous resolutions.

On the agenda also are financial and professional issues as well as the federation's relations and contacts with Arab and foreign organisations on pharmaceutical affairs, Himsi said.

Jordan will also take part in a meeting by the Arab lawyers bureau which will convene in Sana'a, North Yemen, Saturday.

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ An exhibition of paintings and etchings inspired by Arabic Islamic art at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.
- ★ An art exhibition by artists from Jordan and other Arab countries at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ★ Book exhibition at the University of Yarmouk.
- ★ An art exhibition by Ghassan Al Husein, Abd Al Atwan and Abd Alrahman Nawashish at the Jordanian Plastic Artists Association, Shuneh.
- ★ An art exhibition of water colours by Jordan artist Ahmad Issa at the Gallery, Hotel Jordan Inter-Continental.
- ★ An exhibition organised by the Goethe Institute entitled "The Blue Rider" at the Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid.
- ★ An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Shaker Murji at the British Council.
- ★ A book exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ An exhibition which includes publications on the Palestinian issue at the Yarmouk University — 4:00 p.m.
- ★ A photographic exhibition, held on the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography, by Karine and Dimitrov at the Soviet Cultural Centre.

### SEMINAR

- ★ A seminar, in Arabic, on plastic art at the Royal Cultural Centre — 5:00 p.m.

### FILM

- ★ Documentary films on the Palestinian intifada at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation — 6:00 p.m.



**Lawzi receives British, Kuwaiti ambassadors**

AMMAN — Speaker of the Upper House received Parliament Ahmed Al Lawzi Tuesday separately in his office British Ambassador to Jordan Anthony Reeve and Kuwait's ambassador.

Suleiman Salem Al Fisam. They called to offer their congratulations to Lawzi on his appointment as speaker of the Upper House (Petra photo)

## Abu Qoura calls for world peace, help for poor countries

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRS) has issued a call to all world organisations to help establish and enhance world peace and to help developing and poor countries to overcome present difficulties.

The call was made by JNRS President Dr. Ahmad Abu Qoura during his visit to Madrid where he took part in a general meeting by Spanish Red Cross Societies, called to discuss means of alleviating the suffering of poor and needy people around the world.

Abu Qoura said that in an address to the meeting, he called on to world governments and organisations to give due attention to the need to feed millions of starving people and to end all forms of conflict which cause the death of innocent people around the world.

In 1986, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) spent 44 million Swiss francs on relief operations to help victims of drought in Africa and displaced people in wars. Abu Qoura noted.

During his stay in Madrid, Abu Qoura held side meetings with Red Cross officials in Spain on humanitarian issues which will be discussed at a general Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies meeting due to be held in Colombia in the coming year.

## Bar association to take part in Sana'a meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Bar Association will participate in the meeting of the permanent bureau of the Arab Lawyers Union which is due to open in Sana'a, North Yemen, Saturday.

Bar Association President Walid Abdul Hadi who will lead the Jordanian delegation said that the bureau will discuss a number of issues which include organising legal seminars to discuss the unification of laws and legislations in North and South Yemen, judicial matters and matters of concern to the bureau's activities.

Abdul Hadi said that the four-day meeting will also elect the bureau's members and officials.



**Diplomatic Women's Club celebrates anniversary**

AMMAN — The management of Hotel Jordan Inter-Continental, Tuesday celebrated the third anniversary for the Diplomatic Women's Club in Jordan. The party, which was attended by various ambassadors' wives and members of the diplomatic corps in Jordan, was entertained by music and folkloric songs representing their countries (J.T.)

AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in a regional workshop on environmental health, which was opened last Saturday, reviewed a working paper on emergency situations and assistance to victims in natural disasters offered by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The working paper, presented by WHO officials at the meeting also outlined measures to be taken in preparations to deal with emergency cases at the government and private levels.

The workshop, which is attended by delegates from 23 Arab and foreign countries, including Jordan, was opened by Health Minister Zuhair Mahas who drew attention to the plight of victims in Middle East conflicts, pointing in particular to the Palestinian people who were rendered homeless and living through very difficult health and environmental conditions over the past four decades.

The five-day workshop was organised by the regional Centre for Environmental Health Activities (CEHA) in cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

## NAF provides care for 1,000 homeless children

AMMAN (J.T.) — The National Aid Fund (NAF) is now providing proper care to 1,000 homeless and abandoned children through the help of foster mothers who together receive some JD 10,000 a month for their service, according to NAF's Director General Khalil Al Faouri.

JD 200,000 is being distributed to some 10,000 needy families in the country on a monthly basis, it is estimated that double that number of families exist in the country.

The NAF, Faouri noted, pays up to JD 40 a month to each of the needy families, but statistics available to the NAF indicate that they care no less than 2,000 families in Jordan whose monthly income does not exceed JD 50.

In view of the situation, Faouri said, the government now plans to create a special system that would enable the NAF raise funds from private and public organisations so as to ensure the minimum level of living for each of the needy families and to deal with the pockets of poverty in the Kingdom.

Help to the children, is part of the NAF's programme initiated in the Kingdom in 1986 and which now offers various forms of assistance to the needy families, Faouri noted.

He said although aid totalling

pointed out.

Teams of officials employed by the NAF from the country's urban and rural areas, conducting studies on families applying for assistance before any decision is taken on giving help, Faouri noted.

So far, Faouri said, the NAF has set up 270 income generating projects for the needy families around the country, altogether costing JD 250,000.

Referring to the types of families qualifying for aid, Faouri said they include orphans, widows, divorced women, families of imprisoned men, the aged and the incapacitated persons.

To help these people, Faouri said, the NAF also ensures free health and medical services for them at government hospitals and health centres.

Faouri noted that the NAF has an annual capital of JD 3 million mostly, coming from government funds, with the private sector currently providing some JD 100,000.



**Lower House speaker receives 3 envoys**

AMMAN — Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Salehman Arar Tuesday received in his office Soviet Ambassador Alexander Zinchik who conveyed his government's congratulations to Arar on his appointment as House speaker following the Nov. 8 general election. Arar also received separately Spanish and Saudi Arabian ambassadors to Jordan Ramon Armengol and Sheikh Mohammed Al Fahd Al Issa (Petra photo).

## Amman, Tunis sign programme to implement cultural agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Tunisia have signed an executive programme for the implementation of a bilateral cultural agreement covering the period 1990-1992, according to Ministry of Culture's Secretary General Hamad Al Amad.

Al Amad said in a statement Tuesday that the agreement is bound to be implemented by the government and private levels.

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as well as folklore programmes.

Al Amad said that organisations and associations of artists, writers and musicians are bound to benefit from the programme.

Jordan, he said, will be able, according to the programme, to take part in the Arab song contest held annually in Tunis and the Carthage Annual Festival of Arts and Culture, and will offer similar facilities to Tunis to take part in Jordanian festivals and folk programmes.

Tunisia has also invited Jordan to take part in an international book exhibition in the coming year and to embark on a process of book and publication exchanges with Tunisia. The two countries will also undertake joint archaeological excavation projects.

According to Al Amad, Jordan has offered Tunisia the chance to hold a Tunisian film week in Amman in implementation of the agreement.

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## Photos that hold a place, a face, a motion in time

By Philippe Neave

The extremists are leading the Sikhs into an area that is damaging the community's interests. A handful of terrorists belonging to my own Sikh community are busy destroying the privileged position which their most enterprising compatriots have carved for themselves in independent India."

Singh believes the situation looks less threatening since the death of former Pakistani President Zia Ul-Haq, who imposed Islamic law during his rule and was thought to be sympathetic to the Sikh separatists. "The situation has improved with the coming of a more democratic government under Benazir Bhutto," he added.

Singh is optimistic that the extremists will run out of steam.

"The main purpose of this small group of terrorists was to create bad blood between the Hindus and the Sikhs, but unlike what happened between the Hindus and the Muslims at the time of partition, that has not come about.

This is because more than half the Sikhs are intermarried with Hindus. You cannot divide families."

Looking to the upcoming elections in India, Singh points out the country has managed to maintain a democratic system since independence. Although the Gandhi family ruled India for three generations, he says, the late Indira Gandhi, daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, was once defeated in an election. Adds Singh, "For these elections, the opposition is so divided that there is no focal point around which it can unite. I think it is going to be very close."

"People are politically mature in India. A villager — they form the political base of the country — will not be swayed by this or that scandal," he noted, referring to allegations that "Bofors," a Swedish arms manufacturer, had given Indian government officials millions of dollars in bribes to obtain a contract for weapons. "What the peasant is concerned about is his livelihood and his stability."

One point in favour of Gandhi's ruling Congress Party is its recent motion to re-introduce a traditional system of local government known as the "Pan-chayati Raj," ("Rule of the Five"), in which five village elders are elected to represent the village and to sort out local problems. One goal is to break the dominance of the political power-brokers and neutralise the corruption that pervades the administration, says Singh. But in fact, the power of India's giant bureaucracy is legendary, and Singh fears that it might be impossible to curb it. "There is too much vested interest, the power of the civil servants continues to grow, and corruption has increased. In the old days, people felt guilty about taking bribes; now that shame has disappeared, and it has become a way of life."

Although most regions of India have now found peace, Singh points out that in a people of such diversity some are traditionally warlike, for example the Sikhs and the Gorkhas, which lead to recurring violence. Himself a Sikh, Singh deplores on-going religious and communal strife: "India has so far been able to maintain its secular character and its democracy. I think it would be terribly bad if this secular character were to be destroyed by the fundamentalist forces."

Commenting on the situation in Punjab, where Sikh extremists demanding independence are terrorising the region, Singh said: "I don't think more than 5 or 10 per cent of the people support the terrorists. As I see it, the future of the Sikhs is essentially secure. They are hard-working and active; they have done extremely well in India — you'll never see a Sikh beggar, for example — and although they constitute only 1 per cent of the population, they represent 18 per cent of the army. Even abroad they are doing well, but if you were to put the Sikhs concentrated in a small area like Punjab, they would suffocate."



A peasant girl already resigned to a life of hardship.

"practical way of proving the revision I felt for communalism." It was difficult for his family to accept the marriage, which eventually dissolved after 23 years.

Explains Singh: "Naturally I was devastated when I separated from my wife. Yet I was glad it was caused by cultural disparity and absolutely not because of any religious differences. That would have shattered my ideals. Curiously, these differences were not so much between the cultures of Indonesia and India as between my masochistic mentality derived from the male-oriented society in the Punjab... and the

Hindu matrilineal attitude of her Indonesian culture, which was largely derived from the southern regions of India."

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EVEN BEFORE the current quickening in the transformation of the international political scene, concern over the global environment had already secured a high place on the world's agenda.

But as other preoccupations, including the threat of a nuclear holocaust, recede, the wellbeing of our planet is being thrust even more to the forefront. This is being highlighted at gatherings as diverse as the United Nations' General Assembly and a conference of the world's small island states.

Fifteen of these countries were meeting at the most appropriate of venues, the Indian Ocean archipelago republic of the Maldives. These islands are among the most threatened by some of the feared consequences of global warming — rising sea levels and more powerful hurricanes and typhoons.

The aim of the conference was not only to underline this danger, but also to stress to the international community that the affected nations will need its help to survive.

Meanwhile, at the U.N. General Assembly, Britain's Prime Minister devoted the whole of his address to the "insidious danger" of the impending

ecological crisis. It was, Mrs. Thatcher said, as menacing in its way as those conventional, political perils with which the world had contended down the centuries.

In a speech which was to prove

one of the most well-received of the current session, the prime minister outlined the part that Britain intends to play in the international effort to halt the damage being done to the Earth, its oceans and atmosphere.

She said that Britain had agreed to co-ordinate the work of the inter-governmental panel on climate change, an assessment of which would be made available before the second world climate conference next year.

But this was not enough. The international community had to improve its ability to predict climate change, Mrs. Thatcher said, and Britain had therefore decided to establish a centre for this purpose. This facility, with its advanced computers and other equipment, would be open to all experts, especially those from the developing countries.

The Prime Minister pointed out that mankind was now changing the global environment in damaging and dangerous ways. The Earth's land surface was being degraded, its waters polluted and "greenhouse" gases

at the present rate of clearance 65 per cent of these forests would have disappeared by the turn of the century. Moreover, man-made gases were making inroads into the protective ozone layer, although this danger had been recognised and steps were being taken with the aim of eventually halting these emissions.

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## An ecological crisis coming to the fore

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were being added to the air at an unprecedented rate.

"We are seeing a vast increase in the amount of carbon dioxide reaching the atmosphere," she said. "The annual increase was three billion tonnes — and half the carbon emitted since 18th century Europe's industrial revolution was still in the atmosphere."

"At the same time we are seeing the destruction on a vast scale of tropical forests which are uniquely able to remove carbon dioxide from the air."

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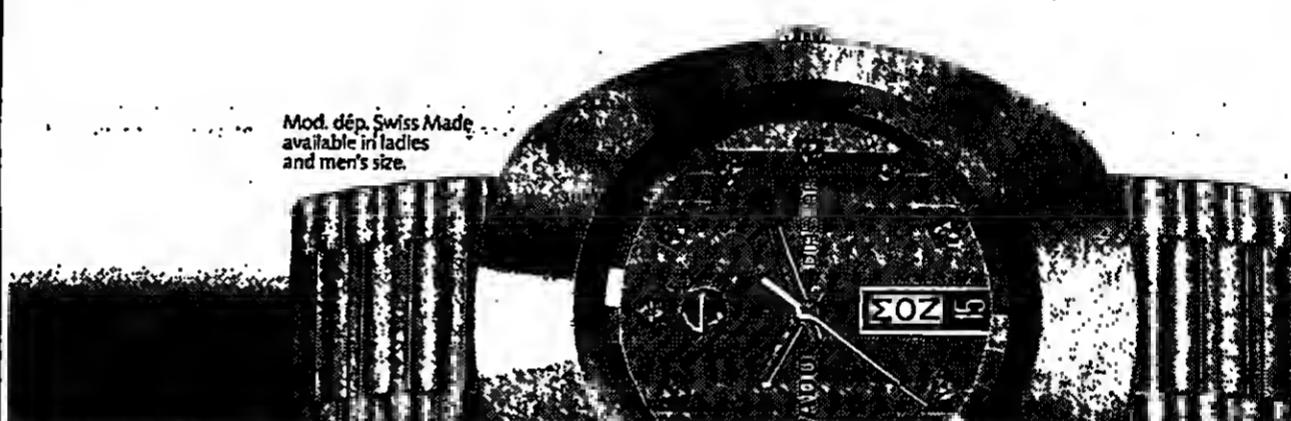
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## ATP-ITF war heats up

By Sandy Harwitt  
Reuters

contest scheduled by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

All three would take place in West Germany, with Tiriac's directly competing with the ITF's grand slam cup.

The ITF tournament has come under criticism from most top players who charge that it is an attempt to undermine the ATP's player-run tour which will begin next year, replacing the grand prix circuit run by the men's tennis council.

Ion Tiriac said after the Masters that he planned to stage a \$10-million tournament in West Germany next December, while Masters tournament director Gene Scott said he was working on plans for a United States versus Europe three-man team contest at about the same time.

Tiriac's event would compete with the \$6 million grand slam cup devised by the International Tennis Federation in an apparent attempt to upstage a \$4 million

Tiriac, a former Romanian Davis cup player, has one major ace in his hand — he is the manager of Becker who can guarantee a box office sellout in West Germany.

His event would allocate \$4 million in prize money with the other \$6 million going into a player pension fund and the development of junior tennis in West Germany.

Scott, Masters tournament director for the past five years, said his team competition would take place in New York from December 7 to 9, in the ATP's off-season.

He said that the player, including Lendl and spokesmen for Becker and John McEnroe, had expressed support for his team

concept. He did not mention the prize money.

"Whether or not a \$10-million event is possible, that's my question," Jay Beck, the ATP's director of communications, said of the Tiriac idea.

"Having Becker and having some players that are dissatisfied with the approach that the ITF is taking certainly does two things: it gives him (Tiriac) credibility and also hurts the slams even more."

"It's an alternative to their event (the grand slam cup), just as they were trying to create an alternative to ours."

Bill Babcock, the ITF's tournament administrator, had no comment on Tiriac's proposal.

### GOREN BRIDGE

By CHARLES GOREN  
AND OMAR SHARIF  
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♦ A 7 4  
♣ K 6 3

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♥ K 8  
♦ Q J 10 7  
♣ A 9 8 3

♦ Q 10 9 6 2  
♣ Q J 8

♦ 0 J  
♣ 10 9 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A 7 4 2  
♥ 6  
♦ K 5 3  
♣ A 8 7 4

The bidding:

South: West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

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North's sequence showed a limit raise in spades (10-12 points) with only three trumps. However, because of the square hand, no intermediate cards and lack of a spade honor, we feel a raise to two spades would have been more than ade-

quate. That would probably have been the final contract.

West led the queen of hearts and declarer, Dora Brechner of New York and Tel Aviv, was not thrilled with her contract. However, there were some chances. The queen of hearts was allowed to win the first trick, and the heart continuation was ruffed. Declarer docked a club and West shifted to a diamond.

Declarer rose with dummy's ace and finessed the queen of trumps, breathing a sigh of relief when that held. After cashing the ace of clubs, she crossed to the king of clubs and ruffed another heart. To avoid having a winner ruffed should a declarer cash the king of diamonds, then the ace of clubs.

When West showed out but could not ruff, all was well. Declarer's last club was ruffed in dummy and the king of hearts was led from the table.

Whether or not East was able to ruff this trick, declarer's last trump was destined to become the fulfilling trick.

As the cards lay, East had to follow and declarer was able to score her trump by ruffing. On the last trick, the defenders had a field day—West's winning diamond was topped by East's master trump!

### Odds stacked against Napoli reaching last 8

By Neil Oughton  
Reuters

**LONDON** — Doubts about the fitness of Diego Maradona and other key players have left the odds stacked heavily against holders Napoli surviving their visit to Werder Bremen on Wednesday and reaching the UEFA Cup quarter-finals.

Napoli trial Werder 3-2 from the first leg and, despite moving four points clear at the top of the Italian league with a 3-1 win over Atalanta on Sunday, trainer Alberto Bigon believes his side has only an outside chance of qualifying.

Maradona, nursing a back strain, played only the last 10 minutes against Atalanta and remains far from his best. So, too, does Brazilian striker Careca, while his compatriot Alemao missed the game after being carried off in the first leg.

"We have to play an attacking game but with intelligence," Bigon said. "We mustn't leave ourselves exposed because Werder are so dangerous on the counter-attack."

Libero Alessandro Renica is expected to return from injury as Napoli attempt to make amends for their first defeat of the season. But Bigon said on Monday: "Until yesterday I gave myself a 15 per cent chance of qualifying. After our convincing win against Atalanta, I'm adding another five per cent considering how much morale has improved."

Napoli are one of three Italian clubs chasing places in the last eight of the competition with Juventus taking a 2-1 lead to East Germany's Karl-Marx-Stadt and Fiorentina defending a 1-0 advantage in the Soviet Union against

Dynamo Kiev. But the West Germans could be represented by four sides, although two of their teams face contrasting return legs — Cologne needing to overturn a 2-0 deficit at home against Red Star Belgrade while Hamburg defend a slender 1-0 advantage in Portugal against Porto.

Cologne trainer Christoph Daum has promised to commit six men to attack against the Yugoslavs. "The cards are plainly on the table. We will risk everything," he said, adding that central strikers Falko Goetz and Uwe Rahn would be supported at every opportunity by wingers Ralf Sturm and Frank Ordenevitz and midfielders Pierre Littbarski and Thomas Haessler.

Cologne's task may be helped by the absence of Red Star's regular goalkeeper Steffen Stojanovic — 19-year-old Zoran Milosevic will deputise — and top Yugoslav scorer Darko Pancic.

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### EDBERG AIMED AT DAVIS CUP

Stefan Edberg believes his victory over Boris Becker in the Masters tennis tournament could be the key to Sweden's Davis Cup. "I believe we have a good chance," Edberg said of Sweden's Davis Cup hope. "Boris is really the key to their team. If I can manage to beat him or if Mats (Wilander) can beat him, then we have a good chance." Edberg and Wilander will lead Sweden into the Davis Cup final against defending champion West Germany and Becker on Dec. 15-17 in Stuttgart, West Germany. On Sunday, Edberg captured the year-ending Masters tennis tournament, defeating Becker 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, 6-1 at Madison Square Garden. Sweden has dominated Davis Cup play, having reached the final of the team tennis event every year since 1983. The Swedes won in 1984, defeating the United States, in 1985, defeating West Germany, and in 1987, defeating India. Last year, West Germany won, crushing Sweden 4-1 behind Becker.

**WIMBLEDON SHOWS RECORD PROFITS**: The 1989 Wimbledon tennis championships made a record profit of £2.2 million (\$14.3 million), according to the British Lawn Tennis Association annual report. The figure, up from £7.6 million (\$11.8 million) last year, is expected to be officially announced next Monday.

### WORLD CUP SOCCER TROPHY ARRIVES IN ITALY

The trophy to be awarded at next year's World Cup soccer championship arrived in Rome on Sunday amid tight security. The solid gold cup was presented by Julio Grondona, president of the Argentine Soccer Federation, to Antonio Matarrese, his Italian counterpart, at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport. Argentina won the last World Cup, held in 1986 in Mexico. It had kept the cup until returning it Sunday. A police helicopter circled above the airport as the cup changed hands, and police guarded the coveted prize on the ground. The trophy was then taken under police escort to a vault in the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, a state bank. It will be on display at Rome's Palaeur arena during the official draw on Dec. 8, when the 24 teams that qualified for the 1990 World Cup will be divided into six groups. The World Cup final is scheduled for July 8 in Rome.

**THOMPSON PULLS OUT OF COMMONWEALTH GAMES**: Former Olympic decathlon champion Daley Thompson's hopes of winning a record fourth Commonwealth games gold medal in Auckland next month ended on Monday. Coach Frank Dick said Thompson was "not quite ready" for the games but stressed he was not retiring. His new target is the defence of his European title in split, Yugoslavia, in August. Thompson, 31, took the decathlon gold medal at the 1978, '82 and '86 Commonwealth games but has been troubled by a knee injury for some time. The world record holder underwent an operation in October and, although he has made a full recovery, the interruption to his training programme has caused his withdrawal. Dick said: "The basic reason for Daley pulling out is that, although everything is going exactly to plan and he is back in training, to accelerate things at this point might just be asking a bit too much. He is not quite ready. I personally think he would have gone pretty well in Auckland but it seems sensible to give the Commonwealth games a miss. It would be bad judgement at this point."

**SOVIET FIRST DIVISION TO HAVE MORE TEAMS**: The Soviet first division will be enlarged next season from 16 to 18 teams as a result of sweeping changes being made by the country's soccer federation, the government daily Izvestia said Monday. Three points instead of two will be awarded for a win in an attempt to make the league more competitive. Two new second divisions consisting of 19 teams each will be created to replace the current single division which comprises 22 clubs. Leading clubs from the zonal third divisions will make up the numbers. Lokomotiv Moscow and Zenit Leningrad, who were to have been relegated at the end of the last season, would stay in the first division and would be joined by Cska and Guria, who finished top of the second division, the paper said.

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## Salvador rebels use SAM

**SAN SALVADOR (R)** — Leftist rebels fired heat-seeking missiles at Salvadorean jets during air attacks in southern El Salvador Monday but missed their targets, the armed forces said.

During fierce combat in Zzatecolca, the provincial capital, 55 kilometres south of San Salvador, rebels fired four Soviet-made SAM-7 missiles at fast-flying A-37 air force jets, but the missiles went astray, an armed forces spokesman said.

While fighting raged for more than eight hours in Zzatecolca Monday, the government eased a nationwide curfew and allowed radio news programmes to return to the air.

The dusk-to-dawn curfew was reduced by five hours — now from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. — after a weekend of calm in San Salvador.

The curfew was first declared Nov. 12, the day after the start of the leftist rebel offensive in which more than 2,000 rebels and soldiers have died in three weeks of fighting, according to the armed forces.

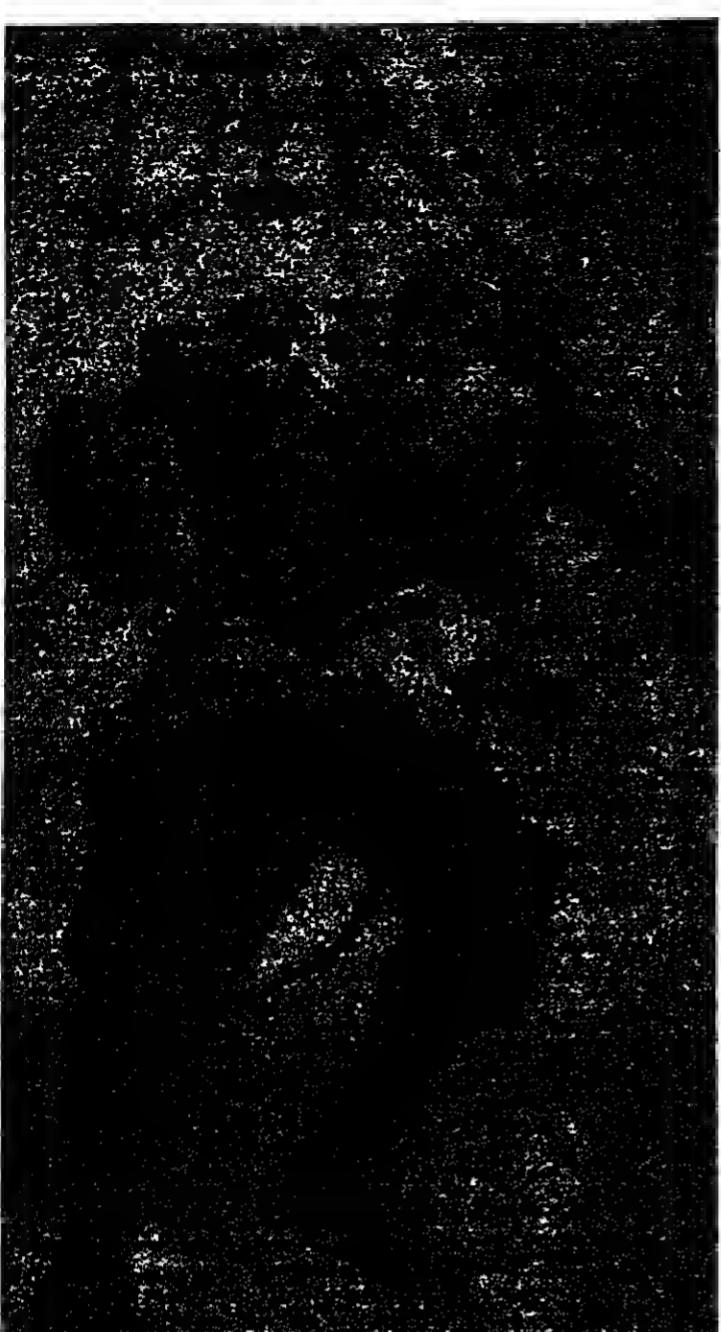
But on the first night with the reduced curfew, a series of powerful explosions rocked the northwestern sections of San Salvador late Monday.

The blasts, accompanied by sporadic fire of automatic rifles, were centred near the slopes of the San Salvador volcano and the wealthy Escalón neighbourhood, where rebels have launched two major assaults during the offensive, police said. They had no further details on the explosions.

In Zzatecolca, the armed forces said eight guerrillas were killed and one government soldier wounded during the combat, that began at 3 a.m. (0900 GMT) and ended around midday.

One woman was killed when a rocket-propelled grenade landed on her house and a child died after being caught in crossfire between the two sides, the spokesman said.

President Alfredo Cristiani suspended diplomatic relations with Nicaragua for allegedly supplying the rebels with the missiles after a light plane crashed carrying 24 SAM-7s two weeks into the offensive.



A Salvadorean soldier sprays the street with M-16 rifle in Soyapango, San Salvador, as government forces advance towards rebel positions. Graffiti on wall reads "Dialogue".

Cristiani reported the rebels had used SAM-7s for the first time last week but they have yet to down air force jets, which along with other aircraft have been used with devastating effect during the offensive.

The armed forces spokesman said rebels had retreated to the flanks of a volcano above Zzatecolca, after advancing to a war-battered hospital inside the city limits. In San Salvador, a pre-trial

hearing for a U.S. churchworker charged with hoarding arms for the rebels was postponed Monday because of confusion over how to enforce El Salvador's state of siege laws.

Connecticut native Jennifer Casolo could make her first court appearance Tuesday facing charges under recently approved "anti-terrorist" laws, court officials said.

In San Salvador, a pre-trial

## Comorians boo mercenary chief

**MORONI (R)** — An angry crowd of 500 Comorians shouted "murder" at French mercenary leader Bob Denard as he left Moron's main mosque Tuesday after attending a special religious ceremony boycotted by the islanders.

Denard, 60, entered the mosque surrounded by bodyguards who wore robes and Muslim caps.

The mercenary leader, who effectively seized power in the Indian Ocean islands after the assassination of President Ahmad Abdallah Nov. 26, was dressed in a grey suit with open-necked shirt and a Muslim cap.

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### OAU call

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) urged the international community Tuesday to expel the mercenaries in the Comoros Islands.

Denard, who converted to Islam and married a Comorian wife after he led a mercenary

invasion of the islands in 1978 to place Abdallah in power, drove off amid boos and cries of "assassin" from the hostile crowd.

A Reuter correspondent was prevented by members of Denard's mercenary-led presidential guard from telephoning the neighbouring French island of Mayotte to communicate with the islanders.

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Usually the ceremony must be attended by 30 to 40 people said to be descendants of the Prophet Mohammad, to read extracts of the Koran, but none turned up.

Local people said village communities prevented descendants of the Prophet and the grand mufti, the Islamic religious leader of the Comoros, from appearing at the ceremony.

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invasion of the islands in 1978 to place Abdallah in power, drove off amid boos and cries of "assassin" from the hostile crowd.

Bacon told Reuters the Dutch-registered Greenpeace was "bumped and damaged" by the USSR grasp.

He said the navy ship mistakenly rammed the Greenpeace while it sprayed the protest ship with water from fire hoses. He said the bump knocked a hole in the hull of the Greenpeace about one-metre above the water line.

Greenpeace said it was "outraged by attacks on our ships and crew".

"I want to emphasise that is a peaceful protest in international waters. They are crippling our boat and endangering the lives of our crew," said Greenpeace spokeswoman Shamon Fagan.

A Reuter reporter on board the Greenpeace said navy ships

resembling tugboats played a high seas version of bumper cars, repeatedly slamming into the side of the Greenpeace, often hitting just a few feet from where crewmembers were standing.

## Evolution of anti-Aquino coup predates Marcos

By Robert H. Reid  
The Associated Press

manifesto demanding the resignation of Aquino to pave the way for a referendum to decide the form of government in the Philippines.

The statement accused Aquino of pursuing the same run-of-the-mill policies of her predecessors and of failing to initiate social and economic reforms. In the past she also accused her of favouring leftists and coldly ignoring the interests of the armed forces.

RAM emerged publicly when they unfurled a banner during graduation exercises at the Philippine military academy saying "we belong." They were referred to as "born-again soldiers," committed to restoring discipline and professionalism in the ranks.

Members of the clique include some of the most talented members of the military. They include the charismatic renegade Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, leader of the August 1987 attempted

"RAM boys" believe the Aquino administration, for all its democratic pretensions, represents the same system of nepotism, elitism and corruption as the Marcos government. Last Saturday, RAM issued a

## Bush upbeat after summit

**WASHINGTON (Agencies)** — President George Bush says Mikhail S. Gorbachev seems "very much in control" in the Soviet Union and committed to peaceful change.

While refusing to proclaim the cold war over, Bush said Gorbachev's acceptance of dramatic reforms in Eastern Europe "absolutely mandates new thinking" by the West.

Bush returned to the White House Monday night after two days of summit talks in Malta and a stop in Brussels to brief NATO leaders. He was greeted by his wife, Barbara, who got a kiss, and dog, Millie, who got a pat.

As soon as he got to his private White House quarters, Bush called Philippine President Corazon Aquino to express concern for the lives of Americans trapped in hotels in Manila by rebel forces trying to overthrow her.

Bush paid tribute to her courage in seeking to quell the rebellion, White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said.

Bush told NATO leaders he hoped a multinational summit could be convened in Europe

next summer to sign such an accord.

He said he wants that treaty "in the bank" before seeking deeper reductions. Negotiations working on the accord in the Austrian capital are making brisk progress but several issues are unresolved, most significantly a dispute over the kind of Soviet airplanes to be scrapped.

Asked if Gorbachev acted like a man in jeopardy, Bush said: "He seemed very much in control. You could tell the way he interacted with his own top people there. And he felt very confident in discussing without notes a wide array of subjects with me."

Bush said he hoped the West could take steps to ease Soviet economic woes.

"We want to try to meet him on some of the areas where he needs help. I'm thinking of a few suggestions I had in the economic area," he said. "But I also believe that the West must remain strong and together and try to be helpful where we can in a united way, but not be imprudent."

Bush said "it wasn't all sweetness and light" between himself and Gorbachev, mentioning they disagreed over Central America.

However, Bush said: "As I watched the way in which Mr. Gorbachev has handled the changes in Eastern Europe, it deserves new thinking. It absolutely mandates new thinking."

Bush also commended Gorbachev for supporting a conventional arms treaty that would require the Warsaw Pact to disproportionately reduce its forces to bring them down to NATO's level.

Asked if the cold war was over, Bush said: "We're fooling around with semantics here. I don't want to give you a headline. ... Things have moved dramatically but if I signal to you there's no cold war, then it's, 'what are you doing with troops in Europe'?"

Yet Bush had been willing to talk about cold war in a Thanksgiving-eve speech previewing the summit when he said, "Let us move beyond containment and to once and for all end the cold war."

## Column 8

### Dog shoots man

**OSLO (R)** — A Norwegian hunter was shot when one of his hounds stepped on a gun, police said Tuesday. The 50-year-old hunter was taking a coffee break with two companions when Terma, a one-year-old hare hound, trotted on a pile of loaded shotguns which had been left lying on the ground. Pellets ricocheted off a rock and hit the hunter in the face and arm. He was not seriously hurt. Police said Terma, who is being trained to become a skilled hare hound, would be given a second chance. "But I think she needs some more training," a spokesman said.

### Bardot was right

**SAINT-TROPEZ, France (R)** — A French court has awarded damages to former film sex-symbol Brigitte Bardot, sued by a neighbour for having his over-zealous donkey castrated. Jean-Pierre Manivet last month asked for damages totalling 24,500 francs (\$4,000) from Bardot, who admitted ordering the animal castrated for trying to mount her donkey. Dismissing the application, the court in this southern resort town showered praise on Bardot, an animal rights campaigner, and rebuked Manivet for trying to tarnish her image. It said that by giving wide publicity to the donkey affair, Manivet was attempting to discredit the cause of animal rights, to which Brigitte Bardot, has dedicated herself.

There had been growing indications in recent weeks that the Soviet Union was about to reverse its long-held stand on the 1968 invasion.

Last month, the weekly Moscow News published for the first time a letter from a Soviet author highly critical of the invasion and dismissing as "Stalinist" the leadership that subsequently took over in the country.

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## Soviet Union finally joins renunciation of invasion

**MOSCOW (R)** — Moscow has belatedly joined its Warsaw Pact allies in denouncing the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia that crushed the "Prague spring" reforms.

A joint declaration was issued Monday after a Warsaw Pact meeting in Moscow, at which Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev briefed members on his Malta summit with U.S. President George Bush.

The dispatch of troops of (Warsaw Pact) states to Czechoslovakia was interference in the internal affairs of sovereign Czechoslovakia and must be condemned," it said.

Interrupting the process of democratic renewal in Czechoslovakia, these illegal acts had long-term negative consequences."

It was the first time Moscow had formally changed its stand that the invasion was undertaken at the request of Prague authorities to prevent subversion and counter-revolution.

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viewed as the basis of Gorbachev's perestroika programme which has inspired change throughout Eastern Europe and led to the collapse of hardline regimes in East Germany, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia and democratic reforms in Poland and Hungary.

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A separate statement issued by the Soviet government described the decision to invade the country as "unbalanced and inadequate."

## Soviets jab U.S. over limiting emigrant visas

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev tweaked U.S. President George Bush at their Malta summit for the U.S. refusal to grant visas to many thousands of would-be Soviet emigrants, according to a Soviet spokesman.

Gennady Gerasimov, chief spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry, told reporters aboard a flight returning to Moscow from Malta that Bush raised the human rights issue by presenting Gorbachev with a list of couples the United States claims are separated by the Soviets' refusal to grant exit visas to one spouse.

Presentations of such lists, which until recently contained the names of thousands of Soviets who had been refused permission to emigrate, has been a ritual of high-level meetings between the United States and the Soviet Union for years. But under Gorbachev, the lists have been shrinking steadily, and the divided spouses list now contains only a handful of names.

The United States, inundated by the flow of Soviets now being given permission to emigrate, has drastically limited the number of Soviets given refugee status as victims of persecution and expects to turn away 200,000 would-be immigrants in the next year.

Soviet officials have estimated that four million to five million Soviet citizens will leave the country under a new law permitting most people who want to

leave to do so.

Gerasimov said Bush had offered to begin negotiations immediately on a trade agreement with the Soviet Union without waiting for expected congressional granting of the Soviet Union most-favoured-nation status, a trading privilege denied for years to punish the Soviets for preventing free emigration.

He said the Soviet side reacted "very favourably" to Bush's proposal to halt production of binary chemical weapons upon the signing of an international convention banning all chemical weapons.

Gerasimov called it an important initiative but only "one step in the right direction" towards a comprehensive chemical weapons ban.

He also said Gorbachev, to illustrate the Soviets' concern about being surrounded by U.S. military forces, presented Bush with a classified map showing all U.S. bases ringing Soviet territory.

### Walesa movie

**BURBANK, California (AP)** — The life of Polish union activist Lech Walesa will be documented in a \$20-million Warner Brothers movie, the studio announced Monday. The authorised biography of the Nobel Peace Prize-winner leader will be produced by James W. Brubaker and Thom Mount beginning in 1990. Warner and the Mount said.

Mount acquired the rights to Walesa's story nine months ago from a group that included director Stanley Kramer. Because of Eastern European reforms, the film will be shot in Poland instead of West Germany as originally planned, according to the Hollywood Reporter. The Reporter also said Hollywood's hottest producers, Columbia Pictures co-chairmen Jon Peters and Peter Guber, hope to make the picture.

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